

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2782

Introduced by Assembly Member Knox

February 25, 2000

An act to amend Section 3068 of the Penal Code, relating to parole.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2782, as introduced, Knox. Preventing Parolee Crime Program.

Existing law requires the Department of Corrections to operate the Preventing Parolee Crime Program, including residential and nonresidential multiservice centers, literacy labs, drug treatment networks, and job placement assistance for parolees. Existing law authorizes the parole authority to assign a conditionally released or paroled prisoner to the Preventing Parolee Crime Program in lieu of the revocation of parole. Existing law requires the Department of Corrections, in consultation with the Legislative Analyst's office, to contract with an independent consultant, contingent upon funding, to conduct an evaluation regarding the impact of an expansion of the Preventing Parolee Crime Program to additional parole units on public safety, parolee recidivism, and prison and parole costs, and report the results to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2004.

Existing law requires the Department of Corrections to sample several parole units in which the Preventing Parolee Crime Program has been added to examine the program's

impact upon the supervision, control, and sanction of parolees under the jurisdiction of the sampled parole units.

This bill instead would require the department to survey parole units.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3068 of the Penal Code is
2 amended to read:

3 3068. (a) The Department of Corrections shall
4 operate the Preventing Parolee Crime Program with
5 various components, including, at a minimum, residential
6 and nonresidential multiservice centers, literacy labs,
7 drug treatment networks, and job placement assistance
8 for parolees.

9 (b) The Department of Corrections shall,
10 commencing in the 1998–99 fiscal year, initiate an
11 expansion of the program to parole units now lacking
12 some or all of the elements of the program, where doing
13 so would be cost-effective, as determined by the Director
14 of Corrections, to the extent that funding for the
15 expansion becomes available.

16 (c) In addition to the assignment by the Department
17 of Corrections of any other parolee to the Preventing
18 Parolee Crime Program, the parole authority may assign
19 a conditionally released or paroled prisoner to the
20 Preventing Parolee Crime Program in lieu of the
21 revocation of parole. The parole authority shall not assign
22 a conditionally released or paroled prisoner to the
23 Preventing Parolee Crime Program in lieu of the
24 revocation of parole if the person has committed a parole
25 violation involving a violent or serious felony. A special
26 condition of parole that requires the parolee to
27 participate in a live-in program shall not be imposed
28 without a hearing by the Board of Prison Terms.

29 (d) (1) The Department of Corrections, in
30 consultation with the Board of Prison Terms and the
31 Legislative Analyst's office, shall, contingent upon



1 funding, contract with an independent consultant to
2 conduct an evaluation regarding the impact of an
3 expansion of the Preventing Parolee Crime Program to
4 additional parole units on public safety, parolee
5 recidivism, and prison and parole costs, and report the
6 results to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2004.

7 (2) The Department of Corrections shall ~~sample~~
8 ~~several~~ *survey* parole units in which the program has
9 been added to examine the program's impact upon the
10 supervision, control, and sanction of parolees under the
11 jurisdiction of the ~~sampled~~ *surveyed* parole units. These
12 results shall be compared with a control group of
13 comparable parole populations that do not have
14 Preventing Parolee Crime Program services.

15 (3) The report, whether in final or draft form, and all
16 working papers and data, shall be available for immediate
17 review upon request by the Legislative Analyst.

18 (4) The department in consultation with the Board of
19 Prison Terms shall submit a multiyear evaluation plan for
20 the program to the Legislature six months after an
21 appropriation is made for the evaluation provided for in
22 paragraph (1).

